



**PATENT**  
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| Appl. No.:  | 09/688,332               | ) | Art Unit/T.C.:    | 1731       |
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| Filed:      | October 10, 2000         | ) | Customer No.:     | 04-1403    |
|             |                          | ) |                   |            |
| Title:      | Soft Paper Products With | ) | Confirmation No.: | 1223       |
|             | Low Lint And Slough      | ) |                   |            |
|             |                          | ) | Customer ID No.:  | 22827      |

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

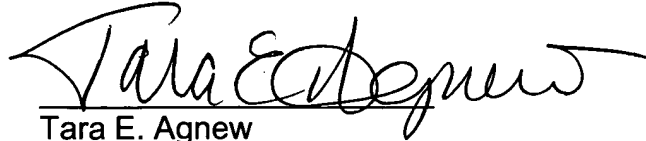
Dear Sir:

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above-identified application on June 3, 2004. At page 2, the "Reasons for Allowance" section indicates that the claims patentably define over the prior art on the basis of the showing of unexpected results over a prior art enzyme treatment. More generally, however, Applicants note that the claimed invention, as a whole, would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the relevant art at the time the invention was made because the

prior art of record did not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations.

Respectfully submitted,

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